

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[4])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)		
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McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)		
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Serial No.: 10/757,803)	Examiner:	BOWMAN, Amy
)		Hudson
Filed: January 14, 2004)	Group Art Unit:	1635
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Title RNA Interference Mediated)	Confirmation No.:	5421
Inhibition of Gene Expression)		
Using Chemically Modified)		
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid)		
(siNA))		

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is an amendment and response to the Examiner's Answer mailed April 13, 2010. A request for continued examination is also submitted herewith, along with payment of the applicable fee. No other fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-4615.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.